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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Unassigned
ICHIRO KATAOKA, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/801,704)	
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Filed: March 17, 2004)	
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For: METHOD FOR)	
MANUFACTURING SOLAR	:	
CELL MODULE HAVING A)	
SEALING RESIN LAYER	:	
FORMED ON A METAL)	
OXIDE LAYER	:	May 11, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese documents are enclosed.

Japan 7-38126 is discussed at page 6 of the specification; and Japan 2-170473 is discussed at page 8 of the specification. English-language abstracts for these documents are enclosed.

The other Japanese document listed on the Form PTO-1449 describes the standard referenced at page 29, line 8 of the specification. An English-language translation of this document is enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Applicants</u>
09/244,163	February 4, 1999	2826	Hidenori Shiotsuka Ichiro Kataoka Satoru Yamada Shigeo Kiso Hideaki Zenko
10/731,476	December 10, 2003	1745	Ichiro Kataoka Akiharu Takabayashi Hidenori Shiotsuka

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

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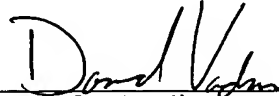
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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		5,684,325	11/04/1997	Kataoka et al.	257
		6,182,403 B1	02/06/2001	Mimura et al.	52
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		5,973,258	10/26/1999	Shiotsuka et al.	136
		6,034,323	03/07/2000	Yamada et al.	136
		6,075,202	06/13/2000	Mori et al.	136
		6,133,522	10/17/2000	Kataoka et al.	136
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		2-170473	07/02/1990	Japan	
		7-38126	02/07/1995	Japan	
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		"Testing methods for Peel Strength of Adhesives", JIS K 6854-1977, pp. 162-165. (with English-language translation)			
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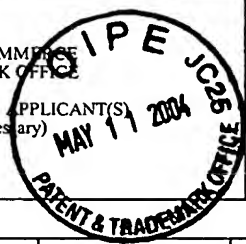
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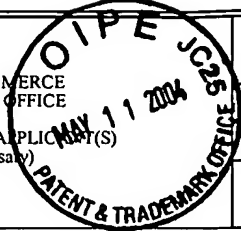
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		6,546,535 B1	04/08/2003	Nagao et al.	716	11	
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